

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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[0028.1] FIG. 9 depicts a method according to an exemplary embodiment of the invention.

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[0045.1] FIG. 9 depicts a method for forming a container with a predetermined top load strength and resistance to ovalization according to an exemplary embodiment of the invention. As shown in FIG. 9, the first step 900 of the method comprises providing a container having attributes according to the present invention. For example, the container includes a finish with an opening, a base distal to the finish, a lower bumper transition adjacent to the base, and an upper bumper transitioned; wherein the upper bumper transition and lower bumper transition define a label mounting region that includes a circumferential ring adjacent to the upper bumper transition and a vacuum panel region. The container also includes a tubular dome between the upper bumper transition and the finish. The tubular dome has a cross sectional shape that is substantially the same throughout. The tubular dome includes an upper bell a peripheral waist having an angular extent of greater than about 90° and a lower bell.

[0045.2] According to one exemplary embodiment, the second step 902 of the method includes adjusting a width of one or more of the upper bell, the waist, the lower bell or the label mounting region. After adjustment, the container meets the predetermined top load strength and ovalization resistance as 910. In addition to adjusting the width of the upper bell, waist, lower bell or label mounting region, the method can also include a step 904 of adjusting the curvature of the upper bell of the waist and/or the lower bell. Additionally, the method can include a step

906 of selecting a width of the upper dome relative to the width of the label mounting region.

Finally, the method can include a step 908 of selecting a width of the upper dome and the height of the label mounting region that increases the proportional surface area of the dome relative to the surface area of the label mounting region. The steps 902-908 of the method altering one or more of the container features outlined above results in obtaining a container having 910 a predetermined top load strength and resistance to ovalization.